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Sir:

In reviewing the above-identified application file upon allowance, the undersigned has noted that the priority documents forwarded by the International Bureau in the originating PCT application in the Application No. PCT/JP01/04796, has **not** been acknowledged by the Patent and Trademark Office in this case. For the convenience of the office, we have enclosed a copy of the original PCT request form and PCT Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Documents confirming receipt of the documents by the International Bureau.

The Patent Office is, therefore, requested to provide the undersigned with formal acknowledgment that **all** copies of the priority documents have been received in this national application from the International Bureau.

Respectfully submitted,

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